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FOLLOW-UP TO THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: REVIEW
OF RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS PLANS AND PROGRAMMES OF ACTION
PERTAINING TO THE SITUATION OF SOCIAL GROUPS

Cuba*: draft resolution

Holding of the first session of the World Conference of Ministers
Responsible for Youth in cooperation with the United Nations and
in pursuance of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the
Year 2000 and Beyond

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995 by which the Assembly adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, annexed thereto, as an integral part of that resolution,

Noting especially that in paragraph 123 of the Programme of Action, current regional and interregional conferences of ministers responsible for youth affairs in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and Western Asia were invited to intensify cooperation among each other and to consider meeting regularly at the international level under the aegis of the United Nations to provide an effective forum for a focused global dialogue on youth-related issues,

Noting that in paragraph 124 of the Programme of Action, youth-related bodies and organizations of the United Nations system were invited to cooperate with the above-mentioned conferences,

* In accordance with rule 69 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Mindful that the Secretary-General, in his report on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond,¹ recommended that action be taken to implement the global recommendations of the Programme of Action and to report to the General Assembly through the Commission for Social Development on progress achieved and obstacles encountered,

1. Welcomes the offer of the Government of Portugal to host the first session of the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth, to be held at Lisbon, from 8 to 12 August 1998, in cooperation with the United Nations;

2. Calls upon all Member States, youth-related organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, and concerned intergovernmental organizations as well as non-governmental youth organizations in both general and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to support that session of the World Conference, to be convened in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 50/81;

3. Notes with appreciation that the Government of Portugal has agreed to support the participation of ministers responsible for youth in the least developed countries as identified by the General Assembly;

4. Requests that the report of the World Conference at its first session be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session as well as to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-seventh session pursuant to the items in their respective agendas concerned with implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond.

¹ A/52/60-E/1997/6.